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or any information or business can be sent by tele-

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address changed as often as desired.

All communications should be addressed to "Gazette,"

Alexandria, Va.

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second-class matter.]

My Irritable Sister—An Open Letter.

Yes, my dear fellow-housekeeper, I know

all about it from experience. I know the

eternal vigilance which is alone the price of

decent cleanliness. I have fought the in-

cessant battle with dust, and have envied

those notable matrons whose windows are

always brightly polished, whose floors never

show speck or fluff, whose vestibules are

immaculate, and whose tables are not only

abundantly provided, but invariably daintily

served. I know how beautiful, in the read-

ing, is the story of this woman or that, whose

affairs move with no audible jar, and no

visible friction. And I am aware, too, that

it is not easy, in actual practice, to go

through an ordinary domestic week, with

its multifarious activities, and feel neither jar

nor friction. The ideal superlative transcends

the positive actual with many of us, and

the prettier our homes are, the harder it

is, alas! to take the proper and exquisite

care which our very luxuries and con-

veniences demand.

It came to me, the other day, as I sat in

my chamber, and thought of your annoy-

ances and my own, that perhaps the most

practical way of conquering the tendency

to irritability of which you complain, and

which I deplore, is resolutely to refuse it

expression. We are not always able to con-

trol the impetuous rush of emotion, but we

can repress its hasty speech and the severe

frown. We can be silent, in the first flush of

injured feeling, and refrain from the sharp

word, the querulous outcry, and the indig-

nant burst, of which we are sure to repeat.

Have we not repeated over and over, and

having spoken impatiently, when to do so

did no good; in fact, did but confirm our

servant, or vex the heart of our friend?

Apart from the repression of resentment,

in look or word, we may do much toward

the cultivation of a gentle and not easily

perturbed temper, by using habitually a

gentle quietude of tone. Shall I ever forget

my friend, the sweet mistress of a Virginia

manse, her health fragile, her family large,

her house overflowing with guests, and her

hands with cares, while the best service

at her command was both imper-

fect and uncertain? Her presence

in the household study was a benediction as

we gathered for family prayer, or evening

chat, nor, under any pretence, were the

sweet voice ever raised. So tranquil, so un-

hurried, when I now wearied the remem-

brance of her gentleness rests and soothes

me still.

Very precious to my heart is Bonar's

hymn,

"Calm me, my God, and keep me calm;

Soft resting on Thy breast;

Soothe me with holy hymn and psalm,

And bid my spirit rest."

"Calm in the hour of buoyant health,

Calm in my hour of pain;

Calm in my poverty or wealth,

Calm in my loss or gain."

When we have exhausted all our prescrip-

tions, and tried all our remedies, dear, easily-

irritated sister, the one unfailing panacea

awaits us. The leaves of the tree of life are

forever for the healing of the nations. But

we are often so slow to avail ourselves of the

peace we might have for the asking; we so

often buy everything else before we go to

MEDICINAL.

INFORMATION

MANY PERSONS

suffer from

either

Headache,

Rheumatism,

Pain in the

Limbs, Back and

Sides, Indigestion,

Dyspepsia,

Depression of spirits and

Weakness, by calving

and toning the system.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES RHEUMATISM,

Bad Blood and Kidney Troubles, by cleansing

the blood of all its impurities, strengthening all parts

of the body.

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Migraine, Pains in the Limbs, Back and Sides, by

toning the nerves and strengthening the muscles.

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Indigestion and Constipation, by aiding the diges-

tive and neutralizing the proper action of the

stomach; it creates a healthy appetite.

—VOLINA CORDIAL CURES NEUROUSNESS,

Depression of spirits and Weakness, by calving

and toning the system.

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and Delicate Women, Puffy and Sickly Children,

It is delightful and nutritious as a general Tonic.

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The present is given to every

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could not afford; but with every

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whether it be fifteen or fifty dollars.

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small percentage on the average

amount of the sales, hence the ad-

vertisement is less expensive to us

than at first might appear.

It will be a pleasure to make

so many boys happy, and a "WA-

TERBURY" is not beneath the

notice of any man not possessed of

a time-piece. They are first-rate

watches. If our prices seem high

after you have bought an article,

you know there is no difficulty

about having your money refunded

upon return of the article unin-

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those asked anywhere for goods of

equal merit.